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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 2)

FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY ACCIDENT REPORT

1. TWO SFM STAFF HAD CAR ACCIDENT DURING SHIFT CHANGE ON CUT-OFF ROAD MORNING MAY 10. ONE MAN HAS BROKEN SHOULDER AND POSSIBLE OTHER INJURIES. SECOND HAS SUPERFICIAL CUTS. BOTH MEDIVACUATED BY IDF HELICOPTER TO BEN GURION AND THEN HADASSAN HOSPITAL JERUSALEM. SFM MEDIC GOING IN BY VAN TO VERIFY THEIR CONDITION THIS AFTERNOON.

2. RAY MILLER AND R.A. MARCEAU WERE RETURNING TO SFM ON CUT-OFF ROAD IN 061 ABOUT 0700 LOCAL TIME FROM MITLA EAST. DIRT SHOWS INCREASINGLY WIDE TRACK DOWN ROAD SUGGESTING PROGRESSIVE LOSS CONTROL ON DOWNHILL WASHBOARD SURFACE. CAR NEARLY LEFT ROAD ON WEST WIDE THEN SWUNG ACROSS AND WENT OFF ON EAST, ROLLED OVER, PERHAPS TWICE, AND ENDED UPSIDE DOWN IN NARROW GULLY ABOUT 14 FEET DEEP BY 25 WIDE WHERE SOUTHERN BRANCH OF WADI EL TAWAL PASSES THROUGH CULVERT UNDER ROAD (COORDINATES 8162/8217 DMATC 1:100,000).

3. AS RADIO BORKEN, MARCEAU WALKED BACK TO MITLA EAST AND WATCH STATION NOTIFIED SFM. AMBULANCE AND WRECKER SENT TO ACCIDENT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IDF WAS ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE. MEDIC AT SCENE RECOMMENDED BRINGING IN HELICOPTER BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE CONCUSSION AND INTERNAL INJURIES. UN BUNMO AT BRAVO GAVE CLEARANCE FOR IDF FLIGHT AND SFM CHECKED WITH E-1, WHICH CONCURRED. HELICOPTER LIFTED BOTH MEN OUT AT ABOUT 0912.

4. BLAZER TOTALLY WRECKED. STURDY FRAME AND TWO SOLID ROLL BARS

CERTAINLY SAVED PASSENGERS MORE SERIOUS OR POSSIBLY FATAL
INJURIES. DOUBT IF THEY WOULD HAVE SURVIVED IN JEEP. WILL
CHECK COMOPS RECORDS FOR PRECISE TIMING EVENTS AND AM INSTRUCTING
ALL MANAGERS TO WARN ALL STAFF STRICTLY OBSERVE SAFE DRIVING SPEEDS.
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